(July 1999-June 2000) conducted by National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO), the estimated number of employed persons, based on current daily status, in the Agriculture sector increased marginally from 190.72 million in 1993-94 to 190.94 million in 1999-2000.

(c) and (d) According to Planning Commission's Report of Special Group on Targeting Ten Million Employment Opportunities Per Year over the Tenth Plan Period, the potential of additional employment generation from different programmes and schemes in the Agriculture sector is 3.55 million man-years by the end of 10th Plan.

Self-sufficiency in oil seeds production

†1730. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any assesment regarding requirements of oil seeds in the country;

(b) if so, the annual requirement of oil seeds in the country;

(c) average annual production of oil seeds during the last few years; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that country is still not self-relient in production of oil seeds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The working group set up by the Planning Commission on Demand and Supply projections of Agricultural Commodities for IX plan has projected the production requirement for oil seeds at 21.20 million tonnes for 2001-2002 at Normative approach. However, the requirement of oil seeds at behaviouristic approach was assessed by the working Group at 25.00 million tonnes based on GDP growth rate of 6%.

(c) The total production of oilseeds from 1999-2000 to 2001-02 is as under:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(000 tonnes)

Year	Total Production
1999-2000	20715.5
2000-2001	18436.8
2001-2002	20460.8

(d) Yes, Sir.

Corporatising DMS

1731. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to corporatise the Delhi Milk Scheme; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Valuers have been appointed for valuation of DMS land and assets.

Fall in agricultural production

1732. SHRI CHO S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Agricultural growth is on the decline, if so, what is the level to be achieved this year;

(b) the States which have reported negative growth;

(c) what are the main causes of the negative growth; and

(d) what major steps are being initiated to improve the agricultural growth in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) The production of principal agricultural crops in the country shows a long-term upward trend, although with fluctuations caused by factors like changes in weather, availability and utilization of yield enhancing inputs, etc.